

BALLYMONEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Ballymoney Borough Council

Minutes of Council Meeting No 864 held in the Council Chamber, Riada House, Ballymoney on Monday 2nd July 2007 at 7.30 pm.

IN THE CHAIR: Councillor J Finlay, Mayor

PRESENT:

Aldermen
F Campbell
H Connolly, Deputy Mayor
J Simpson

Councillors
A Cavlan M McCamphill
B Kennedy P McGuigan
T McKeown I Stevenson

APOLOGIES:

Alderman
C Cousley

Councillors
D McKay, MLA
A Patterson
E Robinson
M Storey, MLA
R Wilson

IN ADDENDANCE:

Chief Executive
Deputy Director of Borough Services
Director of Central & Leisure Services
Head of Corporate & Development Services
Committee Clerk

Press

864.1 MINUTES – MEETING NO 862 – 4TH JUNE 2007

It was proposed by Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Alderman Campbell and **AGREED:**

that the minutes of Meeting No 862 on 4TH June 2007, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

864.2 MINUTES – MEETING NO 863 (AGM) – 14TH JUNE 2007

It was proposed by Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Councillor McCamphill and **AGREED**:

that the minutes of Meeting No 863 on 14TH June 2007, as circulated, be confirmed as a correct record.

863.3 SEAL DOCUMENTS

It was proposed by Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Councillor Cavlan and **AGREED**:

that the seal of Council be affixed to Grave Registration Certificate numbers 1066, 1067 and 1068.

864.4 CONSULTATION COMMITTEE NO 14 (ROADS) – 30TH MAY 2007 & CONSULTATION COMMITTEE NO 15 – 18TH JUNE 2007

Councillor Cavlan presented the reports.

It was proposed by Councillor McGuigan, seconded by Alderman Campbell and **AGREED**:

that the minutes of Meeting No 14 – 30th May 2007 and Meeting No 15 – 18th June 2007, as circulated, be adopted.

864.5 DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE NO 183 – 11TH JUNE 2007

Councillor Stevenson presented the report together with the addendum as outlined at 5.1

5.1 International Links – Ballymoney Borough Twinning Association – Contribution

Earlier this year, an application was received from Ballymoney Borough Twinning Association for a contribution of £4,000 towards its work, which is also supported by money raised through its fundraising events.

Arrangements are being made for representatives from the Association to attend a meeting of committee to report on their work and activities during the previous year and their plans for the future. The Association are currently hosting students from Benbrook on an exchange visit to the Borough.

It is **RECOMMENDED** that a contribution of £4,000 be made to Ballymoney Borough Twinning Association for the financial year 2007/08, in accordance with provision made in the estimate.

5.2 Adoption of Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor Stevenson, seconded by Councillor McGuigan and **AGREED:**

that the minutes of Meeting No 183 – 11th June 2007 and addendum as in outlined at 5.1 above, be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

* Councillor Kennedy arrived at 7.42 pm.

864.6 LEISURE & AMENITIES COMMITTEE NO 332 – 19TH JUNE 2007

Alderman Campbell presented the report, including an additional item as outlined in 6.1 below.

6.1 Electrical Installations at the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre Electrical Engineering Services

1. The following tenders were received in respect of the Electrical engineering Services contract works at the above named project. Please note, these values are exclusive of VAT.

a)	Braid Electrical Services, 105 Railway Street, Ballymena	£82,971.00
b)	J&G Engineering Limited, 7 Heron Road, Belfast	£95,536.00
c)	RED Electrics Limited, Antrim Road, Newtownabbey	£98,886.00
d)	Vaughan Engineering, Aercon Works, 556 Antrim Road, Newtownabbey	£103,846.00
e)	McElwaine Electrical, 25 Church Street, Limavady	£107,800.00
f)	JF & H Dowds Limited, 2-4 Milltown Road, Ballymoney	£108,480.00

2. The Tenders were checked arithmetically and found to be correct.

3. The Electrical engineering Services Tenders include the following provisional and contingency sums:

a)	Provisional sum for alterations to existing services to facilitate new installation	£2,000.00
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b) Contingency sum £3,000.00

4. The Contingency sum of £3,000.00 could be omitted to facilitate the available budget.
5. The tender of Braid Electrical Services Limited, Braid River business Park, Railway Street, Ballymena, BT42 2AF, in the revised tender sum of £79,971.00 plus VAT is **RECOMMENDED** for acceptance to undertake the Engineering Services Contract works associated with this project, it being the lowest tender received.
6. The lowest tenderer has satisfactorily completed work under the supervision of these offices in the past. Council are satisfied that the tenderer would be capable completing the works involved in this project in a satisfactory manner.

6.2 Kilraughts Road Roundabout (332.20)

At the request of Councillor Stevenson, the Deputy Director of Borough Services advised that Roads Service has been asked to confirm their intention to landscape the roundabout in the very near future.

6.3 Adoption of Minutes

It was proposed by Alderman Campbell, seconded by Councillor Stevenson and **AGREED:**

that the minutes of Meeting No 332 – 19th June 2007, as circulated, including additional item outlined at 6.1 above, be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

864.7 CORPORATE & CENTRAL SERVICES COMMITTEE NO 356 – 25TH JUNE 2007

Alderman Simpson presented the report.

* **Councillor McKeown arrived at 7.50 pm**

Matters Arising

7.1 District Policing Partnership (356.6)

In response to a question by Councillor McGuigan, the Chief Executive clarified that representatives to DPP would be selected using d'Hondt formula, after reconstitution date.

7.2 Adoption of Minutes

It was proposed by Alderman Simpson, seconded by Councillor Stevenson and **AGREED:**

that the minutes of Meeting No 356 – 25th June 2007, as circulated, be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

863.8 HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE NO 330 – 26TH JUNE 2007

Councillor Kennedy presented the report.

Matters Arising

8.1 Officer Authorisation (330.17)

The Deputy Director of Borough Services informed members that Mr Stephen Sheering is no longer able to take up the appointment as outlined. It is **RECOMMENDED** that Mr Andrew Gardner, Officer for Ballymoney, Coleraine and Moyle, Mr Paul Embleton and Mr Roy Eland (Northern Group) be appointed to exercise all the powers of authorised offices in respect of duties outlined in 330.17.

8.2 Adoption of Minutes

It was proposed by Councillor Kennedy, seconded by Councillor McGuigan and **AGREED:**

that the minutes of Meeting No 330 – 26th June 2007, as circulated, including the recommendation as at 8.1 above, be adopted and the recommendations therein approved.

863.9 POST OFFICES - CLOSURE

Recently the Minister of State for Trade and Industry made a statement in parliament regarding his decision to close 2,500 post offices throughout the United Kingdom.

The William Keown Trust has written expressing his view that this decision will gravely disadvantage many in the Province.

A copy of their letter to the Rt Hon Alistair Darling MP was circulated.

863.10 RURAL HOMES AND PEOPLE (NIHE)

Last October, the Housing Executive published revised rural policy proposals "Rural Homes and People". The proposals were subject to an extensive public consultation exercise from October to February, facilitated by the Rural Community Network.

Arising from this consultation, a Rural Action Plan summarising actions which the Housing Executive will implement in the first two years of the five-year policy has been produced. A copy was circulated to members.

863.11 CYCLING STRATEGY FOR NI

A copy of the second report of the NI Cycling Strategy was circulated for members' information.

Cycling is now seen as an important transport mode for local journeys, and is beneficial when addressing the issues of sustainable living and well-being. Cycling is cheap, healthy, carbon neutral and when integrated with public transport, increases the transport catchment area by 16 times.

863.12 REPORTS

A list of reports was circulated for members' information. These can be obtained on request from the Office of the Chief Executive.

This being all the business, the meeting closed at 7.55 pm.